

AIDE-MMOIRE

The Department of State refers to the aide-memoire of the Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics dated March 5, 1958. The aide-memoire protested an alleged violation of the Soviet border in the area of the settlement of Veliikaya Riva at 4:05 A.M. Moscow time on March 2, 1958 by an American military jet aircraft.

A thorough investigation has been conducted and it has been determined that at the time cited there were no United States military aircraft in the vicinity of the place mentioned in the Soviet aide-memoire either over or outside Soviet territory. Although the United States Navy and Air Force conduct routine weather and training flights over the Sea of Japan, standing regulations prohibit these aircraft from approaching Soviet territory.

The Soviet Government may be sure that the United States Government fully shares its expressed concern that incidents

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be prevented which might impair relations between the two countries.

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